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Despite Provocations

LEADER APPEALS JEWS HELP THE NEGROES

Cleveland (JCNS) - The head of the American Jewish Committee said American Jews would intensify their efforts to help the American Negro despite anti-Semitic overtones in statements of Negro extremists.

"We will not turn our backs on A. Philip Randolph, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Whitney Joung Jr., Bayard Rustin, and James Farmer," declared Morris B. Abram, president.

Mr. Abram, who is United States representative on the United Nations Human Rights Commission, said he had issued instructions to the committee's units in 100 cities to strengthen their programing on behalf of the civil rights movement.

In this connection, the committee's regional offices, Mr. Abram said, will step up their programs for job integration, training and upgrading, quality integrated education, and fair and full housing. Closer cooperation will be sought with Negro, religious, civic, labor and business groups.

SAYS ATTACKS ARE NORMAL

Mr. Abram was critical of extremist Negro leaders who he said had been guilty of anti-Semitic outbursts.

"When people strike out, especially people who have been deprived, they usually strike out against their friends first," he said. "This is tragic but it is a fact."

Mr. Abram said that "any Negro who has given some thought to this knows that Jews as a whole are strongly dedicated to the struggle for equality. "How," he asked, "could the Jews, who are classic examples of a group deprived of their rights, do otherwise?"

On frequent occasions, American Jewish leaders have privately expressed concern over developing friction between Negroes and Jews.

POINTS OF CONFLICT

Observers have pointed out that some Jews, like other whites, tend to generalize about Negroes unfavorably and, conversely, some Negroes express their hostility to the white society through anti-Semitism.

These observers say that among points of conflict cited as partial causes for Negro anti-Semitism are confrontation between the Jew as employer, landlord and merchant, and the Negro as workers, tenant and customer.

• Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

Sholom Aleichem

The presentation at Toronto's O'Keefe Centre next week of Fiddler on the Roof, based on Sholom Aleichem's Tevye the Milkman, brings back memories of New York's East Side which to this day lives on the literary legacy of this great master of Yiddish prose. When I say, East Side, I mean the East Side where Yiddish was very much alive at the time — up to about twenty years ago, when the Yiddish press, Yiddish literature and Yiddish cafe society flourished.

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My first "meeting" with Sholem Aleichem occurred on the very day I arrived at the old Jewish Morning Journal building situated on the Bowery, corner Canal Street, facing Manhattan Bridge. I landed there an hour after I had stepped off the old Normandie, to take up my position in the editorial department. Like any young, enthusiastic writer, my pockets bulged with all sorts of stuff, articles written on the boat. My managing editor immediately brought me up to the fourth floor, to the composing room where foreman Weissberg reigned supreme.

It was there that I first "encountered" Sholem Aleichem — more than twenty years after his demise. When Weissberg noticed my neatly typed sheets, with the special attention given punctuation, he looked me up and down and smilingly emphasized:

"I want you to know that in this place I don't give a hoot who is editor — I am boss. And if you start being fussy about periods, commas and colons, you'd better go to another newspaper at once. Because I can see right now that you are worse than Sholom Aleichem ever was."

Weissberg, with whom I later became very friendly, did not know that, at that moment, I shed all thought of articles and commas; I became enraptured with his description of Sholom Aleichem.

Up to then, I hadn't known that in the very composing room where I was holding out copy to Weissberg the great Sholom Aleichem once sat, fearing Weissberg's editorial ambitions.

The young man stood in awe while the foreman described Sholom Aleichem as one of the most impossible men to deal with.

"What do you mean," Weissberg exclaimed, "Sholom Aleichem thought he was king, he was the greatest writer of them all. And if a comma was missing from the galley proof," Weissberg gesticulated, "he sat down, peered short-sightedly through his glasses and explained, 'Without a comma, this story loses all meaning.' "

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As I gathered from Weissberg, Sholom Aleichem's career at the Jewish Morning Journal, and on the East Side in general, was not all happiness.

The fraternity of writers anywhere has never been known for its loving-kindness towards a colleague, especially when one was so "dangerous" a competitor as Sholom Aleichem.

At the Jewish Morning Journal, from the publisher to the police reporter down, this great writer had been considered one whose stories were unessential for circulation. Thus Sholom Aleichem — both in the press and in the theatre which at that time had been at the peak of prosperity — was one of the most underpaid; he constantly battled near-poverty.

Like today, the people then loved Sholom Aleichem. But they never really knew how he existed.

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Years later, when Weissberg had become my friend, he'd unbend and reveal his true feelings for Sholom Aleichem. He confided that being compared to Sholom Aleichem, so far as he was concerned, really was meant as a compliment; he truly and profoundly respected one for whom the printed word was more than just a means of eking out a living.

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A long time afterwards, when I had disputed some attitudes regarding our inactivity in the field of rescue of the Jews from Hitler's Europe and many had tried to stifle a voice of opposition, old Weissberg, still the boss, would comfort me — again with Sholom Aleichem: "Whether it's story telling or presenting an opinion, don't mind suffering a little bit; persevere in what you believe to be truth. Sholom Aleichem would leave the "building" rather than change one sentence of a story. And he was then much older than you are now."

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These memories return now when Fiddler on the Roof and Sholom Aleichem finally have conquered Broadway. Sad, the Old Master didn't live to see this day.

"DEATH OF GOD" RABBI LAUDS PAGANS

Ann Arbor, Mich., (JCNS) - A Jewish theologian has proposed a Jewish equivalent of the "death of God" theologies that have stirred controversy in Protestant circles for the last year.

Richard L. Rubenstein, Conservative Rabbi and a professor at the University of Pittsburgh, told a conference of about 60 Protestant thinkers that he advocated a "post-Christian and post-Jewish paganism."

"After Auschwitz, I find I must reject a transcendent God entirely," he said, "God is where we come from and where we go, but he is just not involved in the world in any way."

Rabbi Rubenstein spoke to a four-day conference on Radical Theology, which was held on the campus of the University of Michigan and sponsored by several campus religious groups.

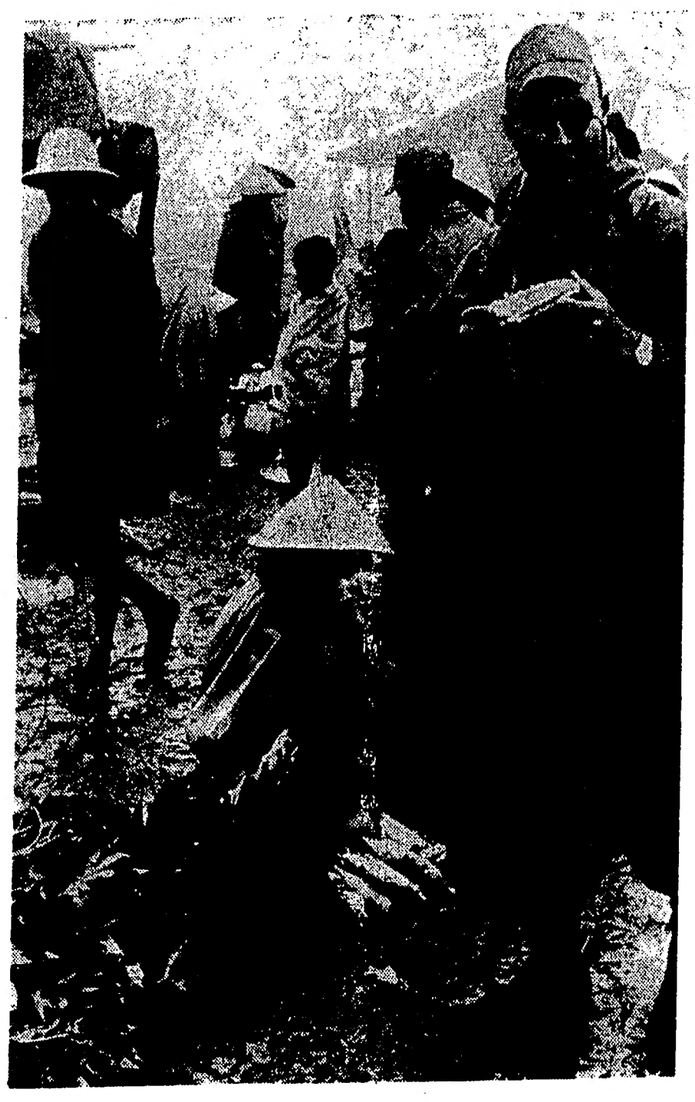
Rabbi Rubenstein, who was spiritual leader of synagogues in Brockton and Natick, Mass., before entering the academic world, criticized what he termed the "optimism" of the Protestant "death of God" theologies, especially that of Dr. Altizer.

Dr. Altizer has argued that the "death of God" must be joyfully affirmed because it will eventually make possible a "new epiphany", or appearance, of the sacred in human life. He also states that it has freed men from divine demands and made it possible for man to fulfill himself in new ways.

Dr. Rubenstein, however, said, "the time of the death of God is not the last hour, is not a moment of human fulfillment."

"On the contrary the human condition has become darker with its coming," he said.

The 42-year-old professor who was graduated from the Conservative Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and the Harvard Divinity School, said that modern Jewish society has "become pagan in fact though not in name".



General Moshe Dayan in South Vietnam – fraternizing with troops.

Maariv Photo

Canada aids peace move

LESS TENSION IN MIDDLE EAST

Goldberg intervention is noted; Moscow said to have admonished Syria

by the CJN UN correspondent

United Nations, New York, Tuesday — The relative tranquility which has prevailed in the last few days at the Israel-Syrian border is the result of diplomatic activity carried on at the United Nations by the American delegation. It also is stated that the Soviet government discreetly admonished Syria "not to go too far" in its provocations against Israel. How correct these interpretations by diplomats here are, the next few weeks will show. In the meantime, a glimmer of hope for a lessening of the tensions and eventual peace has appeared here at East River.

We further learn that the Canadian delegation has supported consistently every move to alleviate the crisis in the Mid-East. Canada has a special interest in this area because of the presence of Canadian troups at the Gaza border.

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NEW AGITATION IN JERUSALEM OVER PROBLEM OF MISSION

Tel Aviv (JCNS) - A Jerusalem art teacher was in trouble for having sent Jewish students to Christian missions for free copies of the Gospel in preparation for an examination.

His principal publicly chided him for this "esthetic blemish" and the Ministry for Religious Affairs called for a formal explanation.

The incident, at the Bezalel Art School, became public after a complaint by an anonymous student.

The teacher, whose name has not been disclosed, had assigned some reading in the New Testament and advised the students they could save money by getting the books from missionaries.

But he reckoned without the touchiness here about Christian missionaries, whose activities are legal but are deeply resented. Only yesterday two members of the Knesset (parliament) alarmed the house with a report that the 1,300 missionaries in Israel were stepping up their activities in slum quarters as unemployment grew. A parliamentary committee was instructed to take up the matter.

In interviews, Dan Hoffner, director of the Bezalel school, defended the introduction of New Testament courses. "Just as an understanding of classical culture requires the study of Greek mythology," he said, "it is necessary to know the New Testament to appreciate medieval art."

However, he said any student who objected to the examinations for reasons of religious conscience would be excused.

Moreover, the school library will get some copies of the New Testament so the students won't have to go to missionaries.

AGNON, SACHS TO MEET SOON

Stockholm (JCNS) - Israel's S.Y. Agnon and Sweden's Nelly Sachs, the two Jewish writers who share this year's Nobel Prize for literature will meet for the first time in December if Agnon's doctors allow him to go to Stockholm for the prize ceremony.

Throughout the week since the official announcement - which made it clear that they received the prize specifically for their contribution to "the cultural heritage of the Jewish people" - the two authors have been inundated with personal callers, newspaper, radio and television reporters and messages of congratulation.

Agnon, who is 78, received them in his modest but comfortable family home at Talpiot, in Jerusalem. Nelly Sachs, who lives alone, received callers in her one-room apartment on the south end of Stockholm. They included members of the Jewish community, who wept because "we are so happy".

Agnon's health may not allow him to go to Stockholm for the December 10 ceremony. He is also concerned about the fact that he only knows Hebrew, Yiddish and German - and he will not speak the latter. However, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Abba Eban, has promised him the services of an official interpretor and is also placing a secretary at his disposal to help deal with the mounds of correspondence he has received.

LAVON TO REJOIN MAPAI

Tel Aviv, (JCNS) The Mapai Central Committee will rescind its 1961 resolution which led to the departure of Pinhas Lavon and a number of his friends from the party.

A draft resolution, approved by the Mapai secretariat said that the move aimed at the return of Mr. Lavon and his followers, affording them "full integration in the party's ranks at all levels."

The motion, adopted unanimously, was proposed by Golda Meir, the secretary-general of Mapai.

After strong pressure from Mr. Ben-Gurion, Mapai decided, five years ago, that Mr. Lavon could no longer represent the party on the Histadrut executive. He was then the Histadrut secretary-general. Mr. Lavon thereupon resigned from Mapai and with a group of followers formed the Min Hayesod group which, apart from publishing a monthly magazine, has had barely any impact on Israel's life.

However, after the resignation of Mr. Ben-Gurion from Mapai last year and the formation of Rafi, Mr. Levi Eshkol, Mrs. Meir and Mr. Zalman Aranne saw the way open for Mr. Lavon's return to the party. Those still opposed to Mr. Lavon stayed away from last week's meeting. They included Aba Hushy, the Mayor of Haifa; Reuven Barkatt, a former secretary-general of Mapai; and Shraga Netzer.

At present there does not seem to be any intention on part of Mapai eventually to restore Mr. Lavon to the leadership of the Histadrut. Mr. Lavon himself has remained silent on the whole question.

Emigrés from Russia

IT'S UP TO MOSCOW

The report carried by The Canadian Jewish News last week about the possibility of admitting "some" Russian Jews into Canada has aroused national interest and was picked up by important newspapers.

The suggestion made in some sources that Canada should admit a number of such potential emigrants has been declared very relevant and very practical. It definitely would be in line with Immigration Minister Marchand's recent declarations about liberalizing immigration policy.

However, The Canadian Jewish News was told, it would not be enough for Canada to admit a number of people from the Soviet Union; the problem is, how to convince the Moscow authorities to release these people without any fuss or fanfare.

At the same time, it is pointed out that Israel has been successful in a similar move.

JAILED FOR "COMMUNISM"

Johannesburg (JCNS) - Three Jews found guilty of "furthering the objects of Communism" have received prison sentences ranging from 18 months to four years.

They are David Ernst, son of Mr. Sam Ernst, director of the Jewish Board of Education in Natal (2 1/2 years' imprisonment); Rowland Arenstein, a Durban attorney (four years), and Joseph Victor Finkelstein, a Johannesburg student and a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair (18 months, 15 of them suspended).

Mr. Justice Cillie sitting in the Rand Supreme Court, said that it was doubtful whether any sentence he imposed would have a reformative effect on any of the three men. He added in their favor that the men were opposed to violence and sabotage.

GOLDBERG: AVOID SHOWDOWN!

United Nations, N.Y., - Arthur J. Goldberg called on the Security Council to act urgently to avoid "a showdown" in the Middle East.

The chief United States representative spoke after Muhammad H. El-Farra, the representative of Jordan, had accused Israel of masking her own aggressive intentions behind the complaints against Syria that were the basis for the meeting.

Ambassador Goldberg said he had heard talk of a possible showdown "in the area". He said it was the Council's responsibility to "act as quickly as we can to ease tension and prevent any showdown."

Mr. Goldberg's comment was produced by a suggestion of the African and Asian members of the Council, supported by the Soviet Union and Bulgaria, to adjourn debate until more detailed information could be obtained on the current situation in the Israel-Syrian area.

WARNS OF "CLASH"

Ambassador El-Farra said it was important to wait for full information and "as to the showdown mentioned, it is not any one incident that will bring it on."

He had charged earlier in the session that Israel was building up a case to justify a reprisal attack against Syria.

Sunday was the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Israeli campaign against Egypt in the Sinai Peninsula. The Israeli attack was followed by a French and British expedition into Egypt with the avowed purpose of safeguarding free passage through the Suez Canal. The intervention was halted under pressure from the Soviet Union, the United States and the United Nations.

Ambassador El-Farra suggested that the Israelis were preparing a move similar to their 1956 campaign and said:

"Israel's forthcoming aggression should not come as a surprise to any observer."

He said he had warned of an attack coming, "and it might be tomorrow."

CITES TENSION

Michael S. Comay, the representative of Israel, confirmed that there was growing tension in the area. He said that tension had greatly increased in the 18 days since the Israeli complaint, which charged repeated border raids by infiltrators from Syria, was first made at the United Nations.

He called attention to the latest incidents in which an Israeli freight train was derailed by a mine near Jerusalem.

If it had been a passenger train and a hundred deaths had resulted, he said, "there would have been a shock wave all through the Middle East with incalcuable consequences."

NER ISRAEL COLLEGE DINNER SUNDAY

The seventh annual dinner of Toronto's highest Jewish institution of learning, Ner Israel Yeshiva College, will take place this coming Sunday evening at the campus. Mayor Philip G. Givens will address the assembled. Most of the prominent leaders and members of the Jewish community are expected to attend, as Ner Israel Yeshiva College, under the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Yaakov Weinberg, now has become one of the best known new yeshivot in North America.

Last year's graduating class excelled not only in talmudic studies but also in Grade 13 provincial examinations. A number of scholarships, out of proportion to the number of students, were earned by the school.

Among the guests will be Toronto's leading rabbis and community representatives.

Other yeshiva events in the near future:

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Toronto's Yeshiva Yeshday Hatorah will hold its annual dinner on Saturday evening, November 26th, Mr. Samuel Reichmann, president, announced this week.

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Hamilton's event of the year will be the dedication of the Stanley Sobol Educational Building of the Hebrew Academy Zichron Meir, scheduled for Sunday, December 18th, David Hoffman, chairman, said.

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RABBINICAL FELLOWSHIP MEET

The Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship for Community Affairs, in its fifth year of existence, held an election meeting recently. The following officers were elected: Rabbi Louis J. Cashdan, Temple Emanu-El, president; Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, vice president; Rabbi Michael Celniker, Beth Torah, secretary-treasurer.

Good wishes to the Jewish community were extended by the membership which consists of rabbis affiliated with the three leading rabbinical associations: The Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox); The Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative); the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform).

In addition to the executive, the following rabbis comprise the present membership of the Fellowship: Rabbi Emil Fackenheim, University of Toronto; Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg, Holy Blossom Temple, Emeritus; Rabbi Gedalia Felder, Shomrai Shabbos Synagogue; Rabbi Aaron M. Kamerling, Hillel Foundation; Rabbi Melvin L. Libman, Beth Tzedec Congregation; Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, Temple Sinai Congregation; Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Holy Blossom Temple; Rabbi David R. Powell, Holy Blossom Temple; Rabbi N.L. Rabinovitch, Clanton Park Congregation; Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg, Beth Tzedec Congregation; Rabbi Erwin Schild, Adath Israel Congregation; Rabbi Bernard Rosensweig, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation; Rabbi Reuben Slonim; Rabbi Michael Stroh, Holy Blossom Temple; Rabbi Walter Wurzburger, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

NEW B.B. LODGE

A charter will be presented to the new Toronto Covenant Lodge, B'nai B'rith, on Saturday night, November 5th, at a dinner at the Zionist Center. Installation of officers will take place; Mayor Philip Givens will be installing officer; Max Schecter, past president of B.B. 22, will be toastmaster. Dr. Max Glassman will be installed president.

CONFAB OF CONSERVATIVES

The Canadian Conference of the Conservative Synagogue took place last weekend at Adath Israel Synagogue. Chairmen were Messrs. J. Harry Berger of Montreal, Barney Gelfand of Calgary, Bert Godfrey of Toronto, Rabbi Erwin Schild, president, Canadian Division Rabbinical Assembly. Theme: Conservative Judaism in the Canadian Community.

The program on Sunday included the keynote address by Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg, Rabbi, Beth Tzedec, president, Ontario Region, Rabbinical Assembly, at the opening banquet. He spoke on: A Blueprint of our Future.

The theme of Monday morning's session was: The Image of the Conservative Movement in Canada. Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat of Shaar Hashomayim, Westmount, Quebec, was luncheon speaker. Topic: The Relation of the Synagogue to the Communal Institutions of Canadian Jewry. The afternoon session, Steps to Fulfillment, presented resolutions, chaired by J. Harry Berger. Discussants were Rabbi Bernard Leffell, vice president, Canadian Division Rabbinical Assembly, William Abrams of Montreal.

Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum, president, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, was guest speaker at the Banquet session on Monday night. He addressed the guests on: The Formula for Jewish Creative Living.

COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES

The College of Jewish Studies will begin the season's lectures, Monday evening, November 7th, at the new Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. From 8 to 9 p.m. a class in Jewish Philosophy for Our Times will be held; from 9 - 10 p.m., Contemporary Problems in Halakha.

Course in philosophy will deal with Maimonides' Thirteen Principles of the Faith. The lectures on halakhic problems will deal with current and topical issues such as those which arise from technological advances and medical progress.

Sponsors are the Orthodox Congregation of Toronto under supervision the Rabbinical Council and CJC Orthodox Division. On the faculty are Rabbis M.J. Burak, G. Felder, S. Gold, M. Green (Hamilton), M. Ochs, N.L. Rabinovitch, B. Rosensweig, J.I. Schochet, W.S. Wurzburger.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF MIZRACHI

The national convention of the Religious Zionist Organization of Canada will take place from the 9th to the 12th of December, according to an official release from Toronto headquarters of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi issued this week.

The convention will be addressed, among others, by His Excellency Moshe Chaim Shapira, Israel's Minister of Interior, and the Chief Rabbi of Roumania, Dr. Moshe Rosen.

In connection with the convention, a general membership meeting will take place this coming Sunday at the Zionist Religious Center, 86 Vaughan Road, at which time Rabbi Benjamin Hauer, national director, will deliver an important address. At the same luncheon meeting, the new emissary of B'nai Akiva Youth Movement of Israel to Canada, Ami Tzur Shlosky, will be given an official welcome.

CULTURAL PROGRAM IMPRESSIVE

The new season of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi cultural activities in Toronto has been launched successfully during the first Melava Malka addressed by Rabbi Zvi Tabory, director of the religious department of the Jewish Agency in New York. Rabbi Tabory not only inspired the Mizrachi audience with his profound lecture Saturday night but spent the entire Sabbath with friends and members. He was guest of S.A. Posner and was received upon his arrival by chairman Nachman Sokol and secretary S.A. Abella. Kurt Rothschild, vice president, addressed the members about the forthcoming convention and urged the organization to participate in the Montreal rally.

Rabbi Tabory urged all Mizrachi members to devote more energy to strenghthening Jewish education.

AWARDED

At the recently held installation dinner of B'nai Israel Beth David, Jacob Adler received the Shield of David award. Others to receive citations were Messrs. Sam Bloom, Ted Bloom, Dave Dunn, Sam Feldman, Sid Forcht, Syd Fox, Harry Gorman, Lou Kirshenblatt, Stan Maidenberg, Alf Pilch, Jack Pollock, Max Sandler, Hy Shore, Phil Solish, Ray Solomon, Joe Steiner, Albert Taub, Syd Weiner, Wilf Yaphe.

Sharon Cohen received the Fay Wise Memorial Award; Moishe Greengarten was given the Rabbi Albert Pappenheim Honor Award.

Others received awards at the annual consecration and commencement service held in the Religious School Friday evening, October 21st: Marla Zionce and Fern Kirsch, Irving Atin Memorial Award; Miriam Wosnica and Martin Maskovitz, David Bardenstein Memorial Award; Ian Harris and Stephen Litchen, Harry and Liba Kardish Memorial Award; Lynn Stone and Ilene Weiss, Roy Lerner Honor Award; Bryna Chorner and Shelly Harris, Jack and Sarah Oberman Anniversary Award; Richard Fogel, Marshall Birbrager, Mark Wulfand and Sabina Pelc, Nathan and Laura Polevoy Memorial Award; Yaron King and Sheldon Hoppe, Barry Singer Honor Award; Janet Kestin and Ted Hoffman, Jerome and Pearl Stone Anniversary Award; Robin Warshafsky and Morley Sniderman, Abraham and Louis Taylor Memorial Award; Brenda Fox and Martin Cohen, Wolfson Family Award and Brian Jay Mintz Memorial Award. Junior awards were given to Beth Bromstein, Julie Brown, Lori Ann Cohen, Howard Goldberg, Jeffrey Jackson, Marsha Kadish, Stephen Levant, Linda Walerstein, Frances Wosnica, Renee Shane.

Joanne Anger and Rochelle Wise pronounced the blessing over the candles; Ronal Steiner and Michael Fried assisted at kiddush; Messrs. Leonard Vanek and Raymond Oster opened the ark. Bernard Rubin, chairman of the school board, addressed the pupils. Mr. and Arthur Rose, Mrs. Jack Gertzbein, Messrs. Alf Pilch and Jack Pollock assisted in the consecration ceremony. Mrs. Jack Marmer read the Parents' Prayer. Sheldon Hoppe and Sabina Pelc welcomed the new pupils.

BREAKFAST MEET

B'nai Israel Beth David Brotherhood held a breakfast meeting recently. Guest speaker was Lieut. Col. S. Mor. Topic: The Military Situation in the Middle East. Sam Bloom, president, chaired the meeting. Harold Colt, program chairman, introduced the guest.

AGUDAT ISRAEL

The BNOS AGUDAT ISRAEL of Toronto will play host to more than one hundred girls the weekend of November 19th at the Agudat Israel Centre, 129 McGillivray. The participants will come from the United States and Canada.

This North American religious convention is being held for the first time in Toronto. In past years these conventions took place in New York, Cleveland, Baltimore and Detroit.

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MAYOR ABBA KHOUSHY HERE SOON

Mayor Abba Khoushy of Haifa will be guest speaker when Hadassah and the State of Israel Bonds honor Mrs. Morris (Betty) Zweig on Thursday evening, November 17th, at Holy Blossom Temple.

Mayor Khoushy who has been described by an American press correspondent as the "nearest thing to La Guardia in the Middle East," is known in Israel as the "day and night Mayor."

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TORONTO HISTADRUT CONFERENCE SUNDAY

The annual conference of the Israel Histadrut Campaign and United Organizations for Histadrut will take place this coming Sunday, November 13th, at the Labor Zionist Centre.

This year's conference will meet at a time when Israel is engaged in a major economic struggle in which Histadrut plays a key constructive role, the conference committee said. Great changes are in the making in the social and economic phases of Israeli life. With the population growing constantly -- it soon will reach the 3,000,000 mark -- the institutions of Histadrut serving vast numbers of pioneers, new immigrants and youth must be expanded to meet the greater demands, Histadrut leaders told this paper. The conference will discuss these problems and challenges and will formulate a program of action to meet the emergency.

The 1966-67 conference will be a public demonstration of continued solidarity with Histadrut and a reaffirmation of partnership with Israel's pioneers in the historic work that lies ahead, the committee declared. It expects more than 300 delegates, representing the Farband Labor Zionist Order; Achdut Avodah--Paole Zion; Trade Unions; Pioneer Women's Organization; Societies; Fraternal Orders and landsmanschaften.

Leading personalities from Israel and the United States will address the plenary sessions.

HONOREE OF B'NAI B'RITH – Joseph Figa, a founder and past president of Yorkdale Lodge B'nai B'rith, will be honored for his efforts on behalf of State of Israel Bonds at a gala Tribute Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, November 12th at Beth Am Congregation. Dinner Co-Chairmen are: Steve Baron and Morris Wagner, with Harry Grossman serving as Associate Chairman.

Phil Lind, one of America's most versatile entertainers will be the evening's guest artist.

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The Hon. Allan Grossman Reports

SCADINAVIA: FREE PEOPLE, FREE LANDS

Ontario Cabinet Minister, back from Denmark, Sweden and Finland, is interviewed on our relations with Northern Europe.

From the Editors: The Hon. Allan Grossman, Minister of Reform Institutions of the Province of Ontario, recently visited the Scandinavian countries on a special mission to study the most progressive methods of handling prison inmates and related problems. He was accompanied on the trip by Mr. Ford Brand, chairman of the Trades and Industry Advisory Committee, labor leader and Commissioner of the Toronto Transit Commission. Mr. Grossman was very much impressed by the general atmosphere of freedom prevailing in Scandinavia. He imparted some of these impressions in a special interview with The Canadian Jewish News which is printed here.

Q. What was your mission in Scandinavia?

A. As Minister of Reform Institutions, I have made it a point, as you know, to familiarize myself with programs in the correctional field in every part of the world, to keep an open mind, to be sure that nothing is overlooked in order to advance our program in the rehabilitation of the offender.

Last year I had the honor of being appointed by the Federal Minister of Justice as the Canadian delegate to the United Nations Congress of Corrections in Sweden. At that time, since it was my first trip to Scandinavia, I regretted very much that, because of the nature and intensity of the meetings, I had very little opportunity really to enjoy the country, its people, or even to acquire a real idea of their mores, their patterns of culture, etc.

Since then, I have appointed a Trades and Industries Advisory Committee consisting of representatives from labor, industry, agriculture and others for the purpose of examining the present system of vocational training and industries in correctional institutions so that whatever changes are indicated should be made. I appointed as chairman Mr. Ford Brand, presently a Commissioner of the Toronto Transit Commission and one who has a very estimable record in the labor movement.

Many plans of vocational training and industry in the correctional fields exist in many jurisdictions.

However, as Scandinavia generally is recognized among correctional workers as being in the forefront in this entire field, I felt it would be beneficial to visit the Scandinavian countries to study their systems as it relates to trades and industries in correctional institutions particularly, accompanied by the chairman of this committee, Mr. Ford Brand.

The Hon. Allan Grossman, Ontario's Minister of Reform Institutions, at the famous Museum of the Danish Freedom Fighters in Copenhagen. Denmark is the only country in Europe where, during the German occupation, the authorities evacuated all Jews to safety. They did this in cooperation with the Government of Sweden which accepted the escapees graciously.

Despite the fact that this was a very short visit, considering the number of countries covered, both Mr. Brand and I feel we have learned considerably; there is no doubt we shall be implementing here some of the plans we have observed in operation in those countries.

We visited Denmark, Sweden and Finland.

Q. Do you feel that this trip has paid off in the sense that you have brought back some impressions, or rather, that you have learned something there that would help certain approaches here?

A. As I have said, it is not a question of modernizing; it's a question of adapting to our system in Ontario, which is one of the most modern in the world.

Q. It has been recognized generally that this Department has made an effort in recent years to make Ontario perhaps the most modern province in the world in rehabilitation. Therefore, knowing you as a dynamic personality, can we expect to hear soon about some specific proposals you may introduce to Parliament or which you have discussed with the Prime Minister?

A. Though I thank you very much for your flattering remarks, however, as a politician I cannot say they fall on unreceiving ears. The answer to your specific question is: first, the findings which we are entering just now into recognized form will go before Mr. Brand's committee. They will have to be studied in depth, compared with what we have here; the committee must decide, in their view, what can and should be implemented as an improvement. Then this body will recommend to me. I, in turn, shall discuss this with my officials and then it will have to be presented to the Government for a decision on policy. I am afraid these things cannot be done overnight; they must be studied properly, examined and tested before being implemented. However, I hope to push it along so quickly as possible.

At the famous Finnish "Open" Colony. Minister Grossman and Mr. Ford Brand are the guests of the staff of the Model Offenders Colony in Finland where inmates are treated as paid employees and are given regular wages from which they pay all expenses including their keep.

Q. Regarding Scandinavia's views on Jews, R.C.'s - completely free - no prejudice, etc., what is your opinion?

A. While I was not in Scandinavia long enough to study this fully, nevertheless I should be surprised were there no such thing as prejudice.

I do say this: I certainly found no evidence of it; I found the Scandinavians to be a very highly cultured people. When I say culture, I do not mean it in the sense that is applied so loosely to the term, such as an appreciation of paintings and other forms of art as being a sign of culture. The Scandinavians are decidedly cultured on this too, as well as in the true sense of the word.

They have an approach to life that I consider a sign of true culture, an appreciation of one's neighbors' views, attitudes and rights to enjoy life, they harbor a complete disdain of intolerance. In other words, Scandinavians have a great deal to offer even though they already have contributed in very large measure, well beyond their numbers, to society and to civilization in the very best sense of the word.

I certainly am familiar with the glorious chapter in history written by the Scandinavians during World War II. My problem was in attempting to assess the kind of people the Scandinavians are, to avoid approaching it with this prejudice in their favor, which they already had.

I must say that the attitude of the Scandinavians, their approach to life generally, is exhibited in their everyday manner of living. It was, therefore, not surprising to me to find, on visiting their training schools for children, their penal institutions for adults, that this attitude permeated the whole system, that the lack of tension in these institutions bears a direct relationship, in my view, to their all-round approach to their fellow men.

I visited the National Museum of the Danish Resistance Movement in Copenhagen and spent more than two hours studying the documentation and general exhibits which tell the story of the Resistance Movement. I was particularly impressed by the courageous fight put up by the Danes, by Scandianavia generally, to save the potential victims of Nazi persecution.

As a matter of fact, this is just as good a time as any to remind many of our people of something which most of us may have forgotten: the heroic part played by the Finns during the war. Many of us remember merely that the Finnish regime of that time joined the Germans during the war; thus we usually take it for granted that they, insofar as the Jews were concerned, were in the same position as other countries who formed alliances with the Nazis. This is not so. Quite to the contrary, while now I offer no opinion here as to the wisdom of this action, the fact remains that the Finns felt, in order to avoid being overrun by the Russians, this was the lesser of two evils. So far as the Jews were concerned however, they had refused to condone the Nazi barbarism and its attitudes towards Jews, refused to give up the Jews; when it became completely intolerable to maintain this policy, arrangements were made with the Scandinavian underground for the Jews to be transferred to Sweden and Israel. One need not possess too much imagination to realize how difficult this was for a country in the circumstances in which Finland found itself at that time. A debt of gratitude is due them for this humanitarian approach in their hour of triumph.

Sweden, of course, remained neutral during the war and this was advantageous for our people because that country was abosrbed with the complete cooperation of all but a small handful of the Swedes as a haven for anti-Nazi fighters, Jews and refugees generally. In fact, some 185,000 found refuge in Sweden which was the gathering place where the Scandinavian underground brought those escaping Hitler.

I had quite a discussion about this matter with the Finnish Minister of Justice, The Honorable A. Simonen, who tendered a steak dinner in my honor. In an informal talk after dinner, he considerately filled in some of the gaps in my information along these lines.

Most appropriately I just have received a letter from an organization known as "Thanks to Scandinavia, Inc." (whose national president is Victor Borge) wherein they ask for contributions to a fund of one million dollars which will provide scholarships for deserving Scandinavian students every year as a means of acknowledging gratitude.

As far back as ten years ago, I brought the same kind of suggestion to a group of Torontonians but without success. I always have felt that we should be just as anxious to recognize in a tangible and striking fashion those who showed courage and in many instances who made many sacrifices including the loss of lives of those who helped us as we quite rightfully speak up against those who manifested no concern at all during those trying years. I take this opportunity to add my appeal to that of Mr. Borge and his group for contributions to this fund.

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ANTI - HATE LEGISLATION

Now that it officially has been announced in Ottawa that the Government will present Parliament with legislation against the dissemination of group hatred, it behooves us to reiterate what we have stressed repeatedly during the last seven years: a so-called anti-hatred law cannot be, nor should it be, adopted only to appease a minority.

In connection with the hate literature debate in recent years, this issue of responding to pressure groups has been mentioned upon many an occasion both by those favoring such steps and by opponents.

From the beginning of this debate, there were those who consciously or subconsciously presented the case as a duel of words between THE JEWS and the small but vociferous neo-Nazi groups. We took exception to this attitude from the very start and we shall continue to do so.

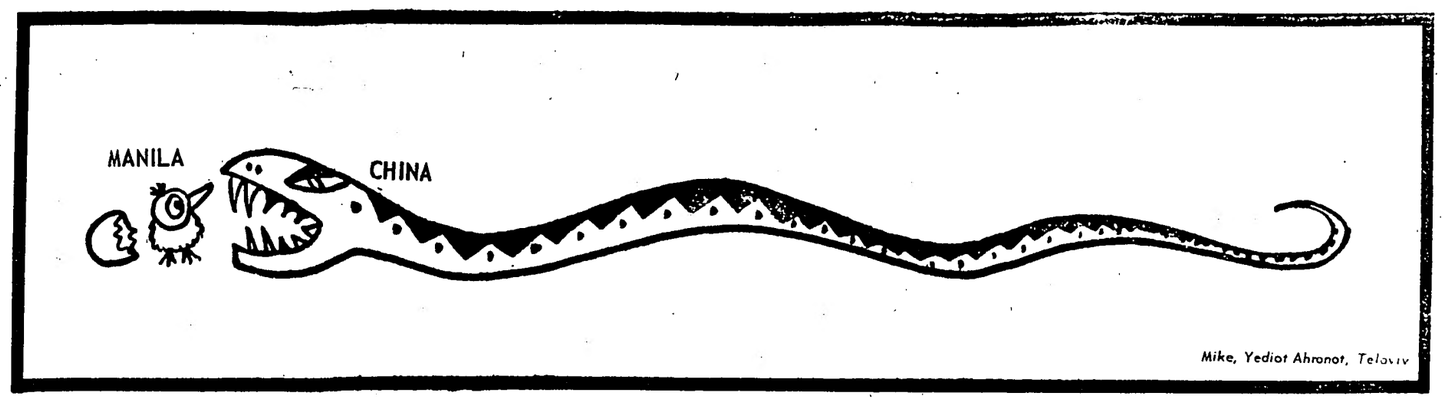
Any law, any code, any amendment to the Criminal Code aiming at reducing tensions within the larger Canadian community must be based on one principle, and one principle only: to do what is right for the nation as a whole, for society in general.

It is not true, as some have been trying to intimate, that those of the Jewish faith who have been agitating for a code to put Nazi propaganda outside the law have done so because of special Jewish interests.

Except for the fact that the neo-Nazi scum is exploiting latent prejudice in order to divide the nation, there are not — and there cannot be — specific Jewish consideration of such a situation. Thus, while individual Jews justifiedly feel indignant about the outrage against their group, the problem essentially is that of protecting society against the Nazi malady.

Perhaps it is relevant to state that the inclusion of legal provisions against dissemination of hatred in Canada means only the equation of the law to the needs of time. For a society which had not known either the Nazi era or the Bolshevist threat to humanity could not have provided us with legislation to fight such epidemics.

When the Canadian Jewish community refers to Anti-Hate Legislation, it proposes that, in the interest of the nation, every attempt to divide it on racial, ethnic and religious grounds is an attack against the unity of Canada. Every legislative step to defend any group against slander and genocide propaganda is a step towards consolidating the unity of the nation when the people are called upon to march together in a critical period of history — a period when in this country we have a rendezvous with opportunities so challenging that this continent truly may become the envy of humanity and its inspiration — if united we stand.



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CONVERSION - THEN AND NOW

By Chaim Bermant

This is the second of three articles on the problems of conversion.

The Jewish policy on conversion is, and always has been, based less on a strict interpretation of the law than on historical and social circumstances.

The Bible and the legends surrounding it on the whole spoke favorably of conversion; the Talmud is, on the whole, against it. In one part one is told that "proselytes are as burdensome to Israel as leprosy", in another, that the proselyte was more precious to God than the native Jew.

Hillel supported the latter view, Jose Ben Yehuda and others opposed it, and they were certainly in the majority. On the other hand three of our greatest sages, Abtalion, Meir and Akiva, were themselves the descendants of proselytes (to say nothing of course, of the royal house of David).

In short, where a beth din is anxious to justify its policy by reference to earlier precept or practice, it can find a precedent for every conceivable course of action, and none. At present most Orthodox batei din - save those, as we shall see, of Israel - have adopted a policy of restriction, in some cases verging almost on total exclusion.

WOULDN'T TOUCH IT

Rabbi Norman Lamm, a leading American Orthodox rabbi, told our New York correspondent: "Most of my colleagues wouldn't touch it (conversion) with a ten-foot pole." Immanuel Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi elect of the United Hebrew Congregation, has, while rabbi of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, admitted converts to Judaism from time to time, but always with the greatest hesitation. It is the "most crushing responsibility a rabbi can encounter", he said.

Some leading Conservative rabbis are equally hesitant. Rabbi Robert Gordis, professor of Biblical studies at the New York Theological Seminary, looks upon conversion as "a salvage operation". "It's the lesser of two evils", added Rabbi Alstat, "since they all get married anyway and it saves the children for the Jewish people."

There is no central body dealing with conversions even among Orthodox American rabbis, and there are many free-lance operators who will arrange a "quickie" conversion for a small, or not so small consideration.

In France all ecclesiastical authority is vested in the Consistoire and conversions are dealt with by a tribunal presided over by Rabbi Ernest Guggenheim, professor of Talmud at the Paris Rabbinical Seminary. No figure is given of applicants, but the number actually converted is believed to be about two dozen a year.

The minimum wait before most Orthodox tribunals is two years; in this country it is usually four to five. In Israel it is one.

I know of one young man who was too impatient even for this, and took his fiancee to the Neturei Karta Beth Din which completed the entire operation, in under a month.

In Britain before the war anyone anxious to convert, say, a prospective daughter-in-law to Judaism could, if he had the necessary means or connections, always find a rabbi willing to do so discreetly and expeditiously. One rabbi who was a little less discreet, and perhaps a little too expeditious, was known popularly as "Reb - the Jew-maker".

The whole procedure has since then been severely tightened. Now, although one may make an initial application with a provincial beth din, the later stages are nearly always dealt with by the United Synagogue Beth Din in Adler House. The same is true of applications lodged with the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations.

It is still not yet clear what policy the Beth Din of the Federation of Synagogues will follow on the matter, but at the moment, for all practical purposes, Ashkenazi conversions in this country are carried out in Adler House, and if one fails there one may try one's luck in Israel, or one may turn to the Reform or Liberal Synagogues in this country. The Sephardi Beth Din, which is believed to be more lenient than Adler House, will only handle conversion cases where Sephardim are involved.

The basic procedure is universal. The applicant must satisfy the Beth Din that he, or more usually she, wants to embrace Judaism without any ulterior motive: he must adhere to a high standard of Jewish observance and practice, and acquire a sound knowledge of Hebrew, Jewish customs and law: the male convert must be circumcised, and, finally, male or female must undergo ritual immersion.

The majority fall at the first hurdle. Dayanim are not the most worldly of men, but if some blithe little thing in a mini-skirt comes floating in on a cloud of perfume and announces that she has "seen the light", they may reasonably suspect that something else is involved, and usually it is a man. In most cases, however, the applicants are carefully briefed on what to say and how to say it.

Those who get past the first hurdle sometimes give up because of what they consider to be the impossibly high standards expected of them. Others get lost in what has become known as "the run-around".

Adler House does not publish figures of applicants or admissions but one can find clues in figures published elsewhere.

During the past decade the Beth Din of the Cape Province of South Africa has admitted an average of 22 converts a year. The Cape has about a sixth of the Jews of South Africa, which in turn has about a quarter of the Jewish population of this country, and which is exposed to many of the same social and religious problems. If the figures were proportional we would have about 500 admissions a year. The factual figure, however, is not more than a tenth of that. It is variously estimated that some 300 to 400 individuals apply for conversion to Adler House in an average year, and that some 30 to 40 are admitted.

RADICAL EFFECT

The Reform Synagogue Beth Din admitted 109 adult converts and 54 minors last year. The Liberals, who have no formal Beth Din, say they admitted "about the same number".

Many of those who applied to the latter two were no doubt rejects from Adler House, but I think it may be fairly reckoned that at least 400 English men and women a year seek admission to Judaism, mostly for the purpose of marriage. This may not seem an immense figure in itself, but when one recalls that there are altogether under 1,800 Jewish marriages a year one can appreciate how radically it can affect the character of the Jewish community. If the strictness of Adler House is unprecedented, so is the scale of the problem. One may still, however, inquire if we have found the best way of tackling it.

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DE SHALIT HEADS NUCLEAR COLLEGE

Rehovot, (JCNS) Professor Amos de Shalit, the newly elected director of the Weizmann Institute of Science, has been appointed head of the nuclear physics college established in Trieste by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

ISRAEL AMONG GHANA'S CREDITORS

London, England - Preparatory talks began in London among the fourteen creditor nations with whom Ghana has suspended temporarily service payments, under the chairmanship of Sir Arthur Shelling of the Commonwealth Office. Officials from the Treasury, Export Credit Guarantee Department, Overseas Development Ministry, Board of Trade and Bank of England took part. The other countries represented besides Israel were: Germany; the Netherlands; France; Japan; Norway; Belgium; Switzerland; Italy; Canada; United States; Australia, Spain.

One of the countries seriously affected by Ghana's bankruptcy is Israel with heavy investments there.

A mission from Ghana is expected to arrive in London in the middle of November to discuss the debts and then to visit European creditor countries. The outstanding debt is put at more than $75 million.

RUSSIA SPURNS OFFER

New York (JCNS) - An American offer to provide scholarships to enable 500 young Russian Jews to study in Israel for a year has been turned down "in the most uncomplimentary terms".

The offer was made by a delegation of Hadassah women during their recent visit to Russia and was rejected by Mr. Aron Vergelis, editor of the Yiddish journal, "Sovietish Haymland".

This was reported by Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, president of Hadasah, at a press conference here. She said that her group, the first of its kind to visit Russia, had been accorded the "greatest courtesy" but came away with the conclusion that "Jewish life will be snuffed out within ten years", unless the Jews were given religious and cultural means and opportunities.

Mrs. Jacobson added that they had found some "slight amelioration of the situation", due mainly to pressures from abroad, which had to be maintained.

ORDER POLICE TO FIND SWASTIKA DAUBERS

Athens (JCNS) - The Greek Minister of Public Order, Mr. Christos Apostolakos, received a delegation led by Joseph Benusiglio, chairman of the Athens Jewish community, complaining that those responsible for daubing swastikas on the synagogue building and other Jewish centres had not yet been apprehended.

The Minister has asked the chief of the Athens police to issue immediate orders for the arrest and subsequent punishment of the culprits.

COMMANDO HERO VISITS ISRAEL

Jerusalem, (JCNS) A former Arab Legion commander was in Israel last week on a private visit.

He is Brigadier Peter Young, a British commando hero of the Second World War and now a lecturer at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. He was accompanied by Colonel Robert Henriques.

The brigadier had his last view of Jerusalem from "the other side" when he commanded the Arab Legion's ninth battalion. During the summer of 1954 the battalion fired for three days across the wall into the New City, and Brigadier Young was reported to have done his utmost to calm his troops and to limit the firing.

His battalion was later involved in a battle with the Israelis at Kalkilya, in Jordan.

Brigadier Young was dismissed from the Legion at the same time as Sir John Glubb and other British officers.

ADMITS SYRIA'S HELP TO EL FATAH

Santiago de Chile, (JCNS) Mr. Adnan Hamdoun, the Charge d'Affaires at the Syrian Embassy here, told a press conference that the Arab States and Communist China have been helping guerrilla groups of Palestinian Arabs to infiltrate into Israel and carry out sabotage for the past five years.

Syria, he said, would not enter into a war with Israel but would continue to help Palestinian commandos trained in Arab countries in the same lines as Vietcong guerrillas. The American Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, he said, would not be able to reach the Sea of Galilee.

Saying that El Fatah terrorists were being financed with money raised in Arab revolutionary countries, Mr. Hamdoun insisted on the return of Palestine Arab refugees to their former homes in compliance with U.N. resolutions. He praised the Soviet Union for her support of the Arab States in this connection.

The Chilean press and public opinion have been staggered by this official admission by an Arab diplomat of Syrian aggression against Israel.

EXTRADITION FOR BOHNE

Buenos Aires, (JCNS) Dr. Gerhard Bohne, charged with murdering 15,000 mentally and physically handicapped people during the Second World War, is to be extradited from Argentina next month to face trial in Frankfurt.

Woman in the news

Nelly Sachs

Born in Berlin in 1891, the daughter of a liberal Jewish family with manufacturing interests, Nelly Sachs received early encouragement with her writing and was producing stylish lyric prose and poetry while still a comparatively young girl.

Her early strength lay in her stories and legends which, while written in what one student of her work has described as "exquisite German" were also illuminated with the mystic otherworldliness of the Chasidim, whose ecstatic images of the soul liberated from its earthly bonds found expression in her works.

But it is as the poetess of the Holocaust upon which her later fame rests and which has brought her the supreme recognition of the Nobel Prize. She herself escaped the crematoria only through the last-minute intervention of members of the Swedish Royal house and the writer, Selma Lagerlof, to whom she dedicated some of her early works.

Spared the horrors of the concentration camps, unlike so many members of her family, she worked uncomplainingly as a translator in Stockholm, earning barely enough to maintain herself and her mother, who died 16 years ago.

Meanwhile, she wrote poem after poem re-creating the tragedy of the crematoria, the death pits, "the road for fugitives made of smoke". But, in their time of creation, they were strange poems, works in which the author rose above all hatred of the persecutors, merely revealing a genuine sorrow at man's debasement.

Probably her best-known work outside Germany (it was performed in the BBC Third Program three years ago) is "Eli, a Mystery of the Sorrows of Israel," which, as the JEWISH CHRONICLE critic noted at the time, has about it "all the strangeness, beauty, terror and mysticism with which Jewish (and in particular, Yiddish) literature has endowed the saga of Jewish suffering throughout the ages."

A poetic, allegorical drama, "Eli" tells the story of Michael the shoemaker (depicted as one of the "thirty-six" righteous Jews of traditional belief) who goes in search of the murderer of Eli, a Jewish boy struck down by a German soldier, as he follows his doomed parents.

Michael traces the culprit in the next village. The soldier has been seized by remorse and, during an encounter in a forest, falls down without Michael having to raise a hand against him. This ending, denoting a divine justice which had nothing to do with earthly retribution, was in keeping with the spirit of mysticism and Chasidic folk-lore which suffuses so much of her work.

Post-war Germany, or that part with a conscience about Jewish suffering, has sought to make amends to the poetess. In 1959 she was awarded the prize of the Cultural Union of German Industry. A year later, a literary guild in Meersburg presented her with its cultural prize.

On her seventieth birthday, a fund named in her honour was established in Dortmund to help finance young authors, and last year she became the first woman to receive the West German booksellers' union "peace prize".

The presentation ceremony took place in the Frankfurt Paulskirche and the 1,000 guests included leading figures from West Germany's political and cultural life as well as the Israeli Ambassador, Mr. Asher Ben-Natan. The citation which accompanied her prize said that her work symbolized "forgiveness, salvation and peace". The authoress herself, speaking on that occasion, said that she had faith in a new German generation.

In announcing her receipt of the Nobel Prize last week over the Swedish radio, Anders Osterling, the permanent secretary of the Swedish Academy, said: "With moving intensity of feeling, she has given voice to the Jewish race's world-wide tragedy, which she has expressed in lyrical laments of a painful beauty and in dramatic legends whose symbolic language combines modernistic daring of inspiration with echoes of ancient Biblical poetry . . .

"Nelly Sachs's writing has become the most intense artistic expression of the Jewish spirit's reaction to suffering in our time, and from that viewpoint, too, can indeed be said to fulfil the humane purpose underlying Alfred Nobel's will."

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Rabbi at Berlin Evangelical meet

New York, (JCNS) Rabbi Arthur Gilbert, the director of the Anti-Defamation League's department of religious curriculum research has been a guest observer at the World Congress on Evangelism in West Berlin. The conference is a tenth anniversary project sponsored by the conservative Protestant fortnightly, "Christianity Today."

Long active in the ecumenical movement, Rabbi Gilbert last year completed a Ford Foundation project on religious freedom and public affairs for the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He attended the Ecummenical Council's sessions in Rome and has been an observer at meetings of the World Lutheran Federation and the World Council of Churches.

Delegates from 106 countries are attending the Berlin meeting.

Letters To The Editor

PARTIES MUST DISSOLVE

Dear Editor:

The editorials in The Canadian Jewish News (October 21st, October 28th) dealing with the unity of the Jewish community are very convincing but I doubt very much whether they will bring us any closer to harmony.

In my opinion, the essential point which you forget when discussing unity is that there can be no unity if going together, working together, means perpetuating the party system and tolerating fronts for Israel parties in Canada.

The time has come when, in return for our friendship and support for Israel, the Israeli government should reciprocate by putting a stop to all political activities of Israeli political parties on this continent.

It is a fact that the Jewish Agency is recognized by the State of Israel Government as an agency through which it deals with the Jewish communities abroad. Maybe the Israeli government finally will realize how wrong this treatment is of the Diaspora and how imperative it is to dispense with Israeli politicking in such countries as Canada.

Let us all help Israel, but at the same time let Israel remove from our midst its political emissary.

Montreal Abraham Saltzman

Sermon of the week

RELIGION OF COMPASSION

The story of how Eliezer, the faithful servant of Abraham, chose a wife for his master's son Isaac is one of the most beautiful in the Bible. Like all Scriptural narrations it is charged with deep ethical meaning and spiritual significance. Eliezer resolved to test any potential spouse for Isaac before making a decision. He prayed: "So let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say: Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say: Drink, and I will give thy camels to drink also; let the same be she that Thou hast appointed for Thy servant, even for Isaac".

The criterion of the maiden's worthiness to be his young master's bride was to be the measure of her compassion — a compassion that must extend even to the stranger, even to the dumb beast.

Samuel David Luzzatto, the great Italian Jewish savant, made compassion the first of the three fundamentals of the Torah. If this distinguished scholar had done nothing else but clarify and emphasize the centrality of this idea in Judaism, he would have deserved a place of enduring honour in the history of Jewish thought.

For the sense of pity and the spirit of lovingkindness are the golden heart of our religion. The sages who cherished every precept of the Torah, and fenced them round with further enactments of their own, nevertheless declared significantly; "The All-Merciful requires the heart".

The rabbinic dictum only echoed the prophet's teaching: "It hath been told thee, O man, what is good, and what the Lord doth require of thee: Only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God". And Rabbi Akiba found the golden rule of Judaism in the injunction: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself". It is against this background of thought that we can understand the challenging midrashic saying: "Would that they had forsaken Me, but kept my Law!"

Many are they who have sinned against religion, but not the least of these offenders have been the theologians themselves. With rare exceptions they have sought to shackle their God with unbreakable chains of dogma. They have made salvation dependent on creed, not on deed. This is possibly the deadliest of sins. For the human mind is sadly fallible and our concept of the Deity will at all times reflect the limitations of our understanding. But lovingkindness is never wrong; it is the Divine likeness in which man was created; it is the touchstone of true civilization.

The world has in many respects changed beyond recognition since the days of Isaac and Rebecca. But truth remains immutable. Compassion is still the real test of our human worth. But today this verity can no longer be regarded merely as a guiding principle for marriage, or even as a noble theological tenet. Today the spirit of compassion is the only hope of humanity.

We have outgrown our defensive strength. There is no physical means by which man can save himself from himself. His only protection against extinction is a spiritual shield. The golden ethical heart of Judaism, if it gained world-wide acceptance, holds the only valid promise for human salvation. The Jewish concept of compassion remains the ultimate assurance of mankind's survival.

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WORTSMAN TO BE HONOURED AT DINNER IN NEW YORK CITY

Samuel Wortsman, Toronto businessman and philanthropist will be one of eighteen recipients of the 1966 Amudim Award of Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, as was announced by Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, national director. The Amudim Award presentation will highlight the Torah Umesorah annual banquet in New York City, coming Sunday, November 6th.

Mr. Wortsman has played a major role in the development of the Toronto Jewish community's fifty-year-old Eitz Chaim School, having served as board member for thirty years and as treasurer for twenty-five years. President of Western Iron and Metal Company which he established in 1929, he also is widely known for his philanthropies to both Jewish and community charities.

Samuel Wortsman emigrated from Poland fifty-five years ago. He first settled in Detroit, then made his way to Toronto where he married the former Fanny Greenwald and settled down to a life of hard work and philanthropy.

Besides his active participation in the growth of Eitz Chaim Schools for almost half-a-century, he has participated in the activities of the Bureau of Jewish Education and Ner Israel Yeshiva of Toronto to merit being on their Boards. He also is a member of the Canadian Jewish Congress, regional committee, and the national executive of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi.

It was Sam Wortsman's foresight ten years ago that brought Torath Emeth on Viewmount into being; he has been its treasurer ever since. Later on he helped found Beth Jacob High School for Girls where he is in charge of the treasury.

Plans for Eitz Chaim's new branch in Willowdale are due in large measure to his initiative.

The Wortsman's have six children: Ben; Kalmen; Murray; Irving; Harvey; Mrs. Ray Segal. All contribute generously to the United Jewish Welfare Fund; each has made a niche for himself in Jewish community work.

Samuel Wortsman is this year's sole Canadian honoree of the Amudim Award.

WILL RECEIVE AWARD – Samuel Wortsman, Toronto Jewish communal leader and industrialist, who will be honored with the 1966 Amudim award of Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools. The presentation will take place coming Sunday evening, November 6th, in New York.

Rabbi against bombing of Vietnam

Los Angeles, (JCNS) Rabbi Dr. Maurice Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform), told the Press Coub here last night that the United States should cease the bombing of North Vietnam as a first step towards peace in South East Asia.

Dr. Eisendrath is here to represent his congregation at the ceremony marking the 21st anniversary of the Inter-Religious Committee on Peace.

Moving ceremony in Toledo

Barcelona, Spain (JCNS) - Toledo's historic Transito Synagogue, once the heart of Jewish spiritual life in Spain, has been restored to a central position in present-day Iberian Jewish life, with the formal first step towards its becoming a musuem of Sephardi culture.

The ancient building, from which the volce of Spanish Jewry had been absent since 1492, was handed over for its new task at a ceremony attended by 250 invited guests, including the Mayor of Madrid, the governor of the province, and many important civilian and military representatives from the capital and Toledo itself.

There were three speakers at the ceremony, which was organized jointly by the Spanish Government and the Madrid Jewish community. They were: Senor Max Mazin, the president of the Madrid community; Don Enrique Thomas Carrenza, the governor of the province; and Mr. Philip E. Hoffman, the chairman of the board of governors of the American Jewish Committee.

The ceremony was under the patronage of the Ministry of Information and the Toledo "patronato", the two bodies responsible for preserving the unity of Toledo.

The audience was noticeably moved when the Belgian singer, Sophia Noel, gave a recital of ancient Sephardi songs, most of them written during the five centuries which have passed since the expulsion of the Jews from Spain.

Top Posts

London, (JCNS) The appointment of two Jews to important positions in Britain was announced this week.

Mr. Harold Wilson told the Commons on Tuesday that Sir Solly Zuckerman, the Government's chief scientific adviser, was to be chairman of a central advisory committee on scientific policy which is to be set up.

It has also been announced that Dr. Claus Moser, professor of social statistics at the London School of Economics, is to succeed Sir Harry Campion as director of the Central Statistical Office.

Yugoslavia marks 400th anniversary

NEW MUSUEM TO ILLUSTRATE SEPHARDI ACHIEVEMENTS

Sarajevo, Yugoslavia - (JCNS) - Representatives of nearly twenty Jewish communities and a large number of major communal organisations in the East and West were present at celebrations here to mark the 400th anniversary of the resettlement of the Jews in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The guests included Britain's Sephardi Rabbi, the Haham, Dr. Solomon Gaon, who was born in Sarajevo.

Among the outstanding events to mark the occasion were the opening of a museum illustrating the economic, social and cultural development of the Jews in the area and the rebuilding of the Jewish Centre.

The festivities began with a meeting of the committee of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia, attended by members of several overseas delegations. This was followed by a reception given by the president of the Assembly of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Rato Dugonjic.

The same evening the National Theatre presented an opera conducted by Dr. Oscar Danon, of the Belgrade Opera and a member of a well-known Sephardi family in Sarajevo.

The new museum, which is situated in one of the oldest Sephardi synagogues in the town, was opened in the presence of a number of Sarajevo's leading political figures, including the Mayor, Mr. Salko Lugandzija, who praised the contribution made by the Jews to the cultural advancement of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

He stated that the museum - which is Government supported - would be affiliated to the main museum in the town.

Other commemorative activities included a ceremony at the Jewish cemetery in honor of those - both Jews and Serbs - who had fallen in the fight against fascism. The main address was given by the director of the Sarajevo Museum of the Revolution, Mr. Moni Finci.

Choirs from Zagreb and Belgrade provided the musical content at a moving rally held in the hall of the Djuro Djakovic University. Speakers included Dr. Josef Conforte, president of the anniversary committee, and Dr. Samuel Kamhi, professor of law at Sarajevo.

A memorial book with biographies of well-known members of the Bosnian Sephardi community, and a special edition of the famous Sarajevo Haggada, were issued to commemorate the anniversary.

YOUNG GERMANS AT SYNAGOGUE

New York, (JCNS) A group of 30 young Germans who are visiting the United States attended the Reform Brotherhood Synagogue here last Friday evening when a Dutch Christian woman was honoured for helping scores of Jews escape from the Nazis during the war.

Mrs. Simon Bokma, widow of a Dutch farmer active in the underground, was praised as a "devout Christian imbued with the love of her neighbours and the ideals of brotherhood."

The Minister of the synagogue, Rabbi Irving J. Block, said that Mrs. Bokma would receive a Jerusalem Bible from the hands of a Congregation member, Mr. Louis van Naarden, who, with his family, was given sanctuary by Mr. and Mrs. Bokma when they were hiding from the Nazis.

Mr. van Aarden recalled that on one occasion, the Gestapo came to the Bokma farm for an inspection while the family and its refugee guests were listening to Mr. Bokma read a Bible lesson during a prayer service. One of the Bokma sons, rushed in and shouted that "the Gestapo are here, poking around the stables."

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Lou Enchin has devoted many years of activity to his lodge and B'nai B'rith. He has also been a dedicated supporter of Israel's program of economic development through State of Israel Bonds. He has been associated for many years with Boy Scouting in the City of Toronto, as well as being an active Participant in Jewish communal and educational affairs.

A highlight of the tribute to Lou Enchin will be the appearance of Phil Lind, noted homorist and raconteur.

WILL CONDUCT ORCHESTRA AT O'KEEFE – Zoltan Rozsnyai, renowned Hungarian-born orchestra conductor, who will conduct the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra at Toronto's O'Keefe Center, Sunday night, November 5th. The concert is sponsored by the Canadian Hungarian Federation.

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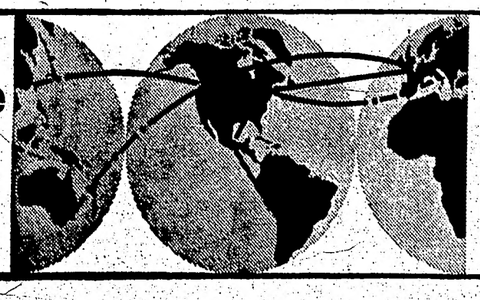

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However, I feel as if I have lost my best friend and I miss talking to him so much. I feel as if I have stopped in the middle of something but I don't quite know what.

The therapist had suggested going twice a week when I told him how I felt, but the guilt of spending that money (even though he reduced his fee) was unbearable.

ANSWER: Some people expect that therapy or the therapist will undo in one hour a week, over a year or less, what was a lifetime in the making. This fantasy of waving a magic wand and having all trouble disappear can constitute part of the person's basic problem. In childhood, the parent was endowed with the godlike characteristics of omniscience and omnipotence. In adulthood, such outsized expectations are attached to the therapist. This is as unrealistic with respect to therapy as it was with respect to the parents.

During negative phases of therapy which herald a confrontation with the person's basic difficulty, many of the ancient hostilities and antagonisms of childhood, which the patient felt for her loved ones, are often transferred onto the therapist.

She holds him responsible for not helping her with her condition, as she held her parents responsible for creating it. Then the person may become very anxious, and revert completely to the old behaviour reactions and attitudes that were the reasons for her going into therapy.

It will not relieve your guilt to blame your husband for having taken the initial step in breaking off. He may have sensed your desire to quit and then taken the action for you. Also, stopping the treatment may have been his way of saying that unless you behave better, you will not be given your reward, therapy.

A patient does not help herself when she breaks off the way you did. You owe it to yourself to discuss with your therapist what was really behind your decision to leave.

The outsider or layman is not qualified to judge the progress that has been made, or whether the treatment should be continued. Sometimes, the progress that a patient makes is very real, but not visible to the outside observer at the moment.

It will make your husband feel much better about himself and about you, if you now stand up for yourself and show the strength to make the right decision in your own behalf. You should return to your therapist and discuss with him fully what is the best course to follow in your present emotional state.

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The choir is to provide musicial embellishment for a series of four religious talk recorded in German by Rabbi Henry G. Brandt, minister at the Sinai Synagogue, at the Leeds BBC studios.

The first talk will be broadcast over the German network on January 13.

DENIAL ON TALKS

Barcelona, Spain (JCNS) - The Spanish Government has taken the unusual step of expressly denying that it is involved in negotiations with Israel. The denial follows the visit of Israel's Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Haim Gvati, to Spain.

Mr. Gvati was in Spain to attend a meeting of the European group of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (F.A.O.) and his visit gave rise to speculation that he had been invited by the Spanish Government for the purpose of bilateral discussions.

Such talks would be understandable, since both Israel and Spain are likely to suffer from changes in import taxation on citrus products made by the Common Market in favor of Italy.

Spain, however, is afraid of antagonising the Arab States, with whom she has close relations and who a gratified by her intransigen attitude towards Israel.

review of reviews — By Sraya Shapiro

THE TRADITIONAL WOMAN: HER APPROCH TO MARRIAGE

In the largely-orthodox Geula quarter of Jerusalem, "romance is considered vulgar and sinful". Marriage is rather a religious act with a dual aim: procreation and the preservation of sexual purity within the desired limits. "There is here no ideology of personal happiness through marriage, and hence little room for disappointment."

These remarks came from Dr. Esther R. Goshen-Gottstein, of the Lasker Department of Child Psychology at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital in Jerusalem, writing in the current issue of "The Israel Annals of Psychiatry" (Jerusalem Academic Press). The study she made was part of an investigation on cultural differences between attitudes of Oriental and Western women to their first pregnancy. It was carried out between August 1957 and June 1958. Because a large number of the women interviewed came from the Geula quarter of Jerusalem, Dr. Goshen refers to them as "the Geula women". There are in fact "Geula" groups in other parts of Jerusalem, as well as in Bnei Brak, North London, Gateshead and certain districts of New York.

The Geula group is characterized by "religious behaviour". By this Dr. Goshen means the observance of certain rules prescribed by rabbinical law. "Not only is observance more easily measured than beliefs but for the Jews this seems the more pertinent index, since Judaism, even more than Catholicism, is acted out in daily life through deeds and behaviour rather than through expressions of faith."

Dr. Goshen chose five criteria: (a) maintaining a kosher household. (b) Observing the Sabbath. (c) ritual immersion (d) covering of hair after marriage, (e) wearing "modest clothing".

A homogenous group, all of the Geula women attended Beit Ya'acov (orthodox) schools in their childhood, and most of their husbands are rabbinical students. The majority of the women interviewed are elementary school or kindergarten teachers. Their mean age is 21.4.

The "Geula" women marry because it is "according to the law". None mentioned love or sex. The ideal husband would be an "intellectual", that is a rabbinical student. They would like their husband to be also "understanding", "considerate" and "pleasant", but that was a matter of secondary importance. One woman said she had dreamed of marrying a "sympathetic person", but did not think many could be found among Yeshiva scholars. Such scholars, she said, did not know how to be good husbands. Still, she married one "since I had been brought up that way". Romantic love is a concept quite foreign to Geula women, Dr. Goshen says.

"Sex is neither enjoyable nor disturbing", according to one woman, describing the general attitude of the group. Sex is considered a "duty", an inevitable, sometimes painful, prelude to having children. In Geula, pleasure and enjoyment are deemed incompatible with religious behaviour. What is more disturbing, from the contemporary point of view, is that husband and wife seldom see each other. They go out together only on a Sabbath, and only to visit relatives. The husband is supposed to spend most of his time studying the Law. Inevitably, the woman's interest centres on her children. She has no say as to how many she wants, or when. "As many as God gives", one commented.

The Geula women do not complain about the paucity of communication between the marriage partners. It is a male's culture and their's is a supporting role.

Only one or two generations separate most of us from the Geula group. For, after all, our parents or grandparents looked at marriage much the same way. Perhaps their attitudes still linger, unconsciously, in today's "free" generation. But the fact that for many of us the Geula group is now a subject of exotic interest, indicates how long a road Jewish society has travelled.

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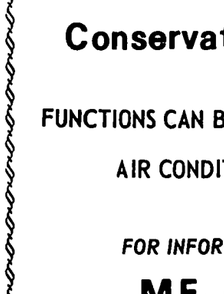

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TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

MEETING HELD

A meeting of the Menorah Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women, was held Monday evening, October 24th, at the home of Mrs. Charles Wener. Mrs. M. Weisbrod, president, presided. Mrs. I. Steinberg reported on the bazaar which will be held on November 16th. Mrs. M. Weisbrod, convener of a theater night to be held this month, gave a report. Plans were formulated for a rummage sale. Next meeting will be held on November 7th at the home of Mrs. B. Gasee.

ANNUAL BAZAAR

The annual bazaar of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization of Toronto will be held on Wednesday, November 16th, at Isabella Ballroom, Oakwood Avenue. Cut-priced groceries, clothing and household items will be featured. Door prize will be a $100 Canada savings bond.

Proceeds will help sustain orphan homes, nurseries and vocational schools that re-educate and rehabilitate immigrant children in Israel.

Bazaar conveners are Mesdames M. Chesley, A. Lebowitz, S. Pollack, M. Kurtz, I. Kelner, R. Mann, Chas. Wener, M. Freed, N. Shields.

CURRENT SLATE OF OFFICERS

The following is the slate of officers of Mizrachi Women's Council of Toronto: Mrs. Joseph Reichman, president; Mrs. Joseph Zeifman, 1st vice president; Mrs. Philip Tarnow, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Kate Devor, treasurer; Mrs. Max Weisbrod, executive Secretary; Mrs. Max Kurtz, ways and means; Mrs. I. Weinstock, membership chairman; Mrs. N. Sokol, life membership; Mrs. I. Steinberg, J.N.F. chairman; Mrs. P. Tarnow, mother-in-Israel; Mesdames J. Zeifman and B. Rosenfield, social conveners; Mesdames M. Rosensweig and M. Shuster, cultural chairmen; Mrs. E. Goldsmith, publicity; Mrs. H.J. Halberstadt, ad book chairman; Mrs. M. Chesley, bazaar convener; Mesdames M. Citron and M. Pearlman, Israel Bonds.

TO SERVE ON NATIONAL BOARD

Mrs. Joseph Grossman, Ontario Branch president of the National Women's League of United Synagogues of America and board member of Adath Israel Sisterhood, will be on the national board of the League. Installation service will take place Wednesday, November 16th, at a Catskill mountains resort.

EXECUTIVE MET

The executive of the Hebrew Weston Sanitorium Service Club met recently at the home of Nellie Wall. Bessie Frisch presided; Sophie Greenberg read the minutes.

The group will participate in the project, Meals on Wheels, inaugurated by the Social Planning Committee of the UJWF. Kosher meals will be provided.

ANNUAL TEA

Adath Israel Sisterhood will tender its annual tea, Sunday afternoon, November 6th, at the synagogue. A musical fashion show will be presented. Patronesses include Mesdames Philip Givens, Nathan Phillips, James Service, Gabriel Laurie, Vernon Singer.

Mrs. Harry Solomon is president; Mrs. Samuel T. Warren, tea chairman.

GENERAL MEETING

Adath Israel Sisterhood will hold a general meeting, Tuesday, evening, November 8th, chaired by Mrs. Harry Solomon, president. Mrs. Philip Ely vice president, will read the D'var Torah. Mrs. Erwin Schild will speak about a children's library in the home. Mrs. Samuel Solomon will report on Canadian public affairs.

Mrs. Arnold Weinberg will introduce the program. Guest speaker is Eugene Gladstone who will review his book: In the Wake of the Andrea Doria.

ORT NINTH BIENNIAL

The ninth biennial of Women's Canadian ORT opened on Saturday night, October 22nd. Mayor Philip Givens addressed the delegates. Keynote speaker was Dr. William Haber, Dean of the College of Literature, Science and Arts, University of Michigan, and president of World ORT Union.

Dr. Vladimir Halperin of Geneva, Switzerland, director of World ORT Union, presented plaques to Mrs. A.B. Bennet, Toronto, convention chairman, who became an honorary president, and Mrs. Leon D. Crestohl of Montreal, honored as founder president of Women's Canadian ORT.

An ORT film was shown on Sunday morning. Luncheon guests included Mrs. Ludwig Kaphan of New York, scholarship chairman of World ORT Union; Mrs. Harry Abelson of Montreal, a vice president, chaired the luncheon.

Panelists at an ORT forum that evening were: Dr. Mario Carosi, Consul General of Italy; Pierre Morizot, Consul General of France; Lt. Col. Dov Sinai, Consul General of Israel; L. Gotz, ORT alumnus; Dr. Vladimir Halperin, director, World ORT Union; Dr. P.K. Shastri, representative of the government of India in Toronto; Jerry Knoll, director, Office of Western African Affairs Agency for International Development; moderator, Paul Bernick, executive director, American ORT Federation. Mrs. J. Barney Goldhar of Toronto chaired the meeting.

Current officers of Women's Canadian ORT are: Mrs. Henry Kingstone, Toronto, president; Mrs. J.Y. Stotland, Montreal, first vice president; Mrs. Harry Abelson, Montreal, second vice president; Mrs. Herbert Rosen, Halifax, third vice president; Mesdames Joseph Ain, Montreal, J. Barney Goldhar, Toronto, Abe Levine, Toronto, vice presidents; Mrs. Sam Bland, Toronto, secretary; Mrs. Irving Salsberg, Toronto, treasurer; Mrs. Nathan Silver, Toronto, financial secretary; Mesdames Leon D. Crestohl and A.B. Bennett, founder president and honorary president respectively, ex-officio.

OPENING MEETING

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood held its opening meeting in the new synagogue. Guest speaker was Sidney Katz, columnist. Head table guests included Mesdames Manny Spring, president, Irving Green, Jack Young, Sol Swartz, Nathan Reiber, Harold Fink, Nathan Adler, Sidney Katz.

New members are Mesdames Wm. Berman, Karol

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STARS IN SARTRE'S PLAY – Mavis Hayman, who is featured in the role of Electra in Jean Paul Sartre's The Flies, now being performed at Toronto's Central Library Theater.

HOW TO MAKE TREFA KOSHER

London, England (JCNS) - Two London rabbis have decided that kosher gelatine can be made from trefa animals.

Rabbi K. Kahana, of Jews' College, came to this decision in answer to an inquiry by Dr. I. Chayen, who asked whether gelatine processed from the outer skins of ritually unclean animals was kosher, since the trefa elements were completely eliminated by chemical process.

Rabbi Kahana, following the opinions of leading rabbinical authorities, decided that the use of chrome oxide, sulphuric acid and formalin completely eliminated the trefa elements and it was, therefore, kosher.

Dayan A. L. Grossnass came to the same conclusion in a responsa published by him for the London Beth Din.

OPEN JEWISH LIBRARY

Buenos Aires (JCNS) - The State-sponsored University of Santiago, Chile, is the first in Latin America to give prominence to Jewish studies in its curriculum.

This was stated by Professor Gunter Bohm, a member of the academic staff of the university, at a press conference held in connection with a series of lectures on Jewish art which he gave here and an exhibition of Jewish ceremonial art organised by the American Jewish Committee.

The Chilean University, said Professor Bahm, was building an Institute of Jewish Culture and at present had five chairs connected with Jewish studies.

As a result of the cultural agreement signed by the Israeli and Chilean Governments during President Shazar's recent visit to Chile, a Jewish library had been established at the University with gifts from the Hebrew University and the A.J.C.

TOGETHERNESS

BY RUTHIE

It's not enough that a he and a she are bound in wedlock. There must be something tangible for the world to continually be reminded of the knot. Like the his and hers.

Did you see the latest? Now it's the his and hers bathtub. His is six feet long, cemented to hers which is about five feet in length. And a photo shows both, in swim suits, lying in the individual tub of water, each reading a book.

I wonder who'd splash first if the phone rang.

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The whole idea is silly. My one private domain invaded! The bathroom, is the only place I still can use as a retreat — from the kids, from hubby, from any strain. And, with the door locked, I can practise making faces at myself to firm my chinline without the fear of sudden prying eyes.

Even as a youngster, the bathroom afforded me my only refuge. It was the first place I ran to whenever I had a spat with Papa.

Papa wasn't exactly stingy with his smacks. And my temper was nothing to sneeze at. Still, of course, I had to show that much **derekh eretz** (respect) not to answer back. Anyway, I tried to avoid his **djukhs** (punches) which he called a love tap. So I ran into the bathroom, locked the door and bravely had the last word.

Naturally, at first I didn't worry about leaving my haven. But after awhile I'd quake. I hoped Papa forgot about the spat and that I could come out of hiding. I couldn't stay there forever, you know.

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Nu, I've got his and hers towels (I use his too), his and hers coffee mugs (I use his too), his and hers talcum (I use his too, sprinkled in my slippers, so my feet don't stick. You think I'd waste mine on that?). But I'll be darned if I let him read in the bathroom. It's my one secret hideout and he won't get it without a fight.

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There are so many things we can do together, like calisthenics.

The other day I asked him if he could do the "duck walk". Do you know the "duck walk"? You bend over, spreading your palms flat on the floor, knees stiff. Then with feet planted firmly on the spot, without bending your knees you "walk" on the palms of your hands until your body is horizontal with the floor, not touching. Then you "walk" back the same way, stand up. It's not hard, really.

Only, it left my one and only so exhausted just watching, he preferred to go to sleep.

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Now, I'm all for togetherness. But it depends where. You're together for better or worse, you're together in facing life's problems, you're together in joy and in sickness. But, it's the little things that count. What kind of togetherness is it if he won't exercise when you do, what kind of togetherness is it when he wants to watch the ballgame and you prefer soap opera, what kind of togetherness is it when he does you favor and goes to a PTA meeting then promptly falls asleep, what kind of togetherness is it when he watches while you take out the garbage?

So big shpiel, the big things count. But the little things provide the sparkle. Like when he calls you, darling, in public and you resume the argument at home.

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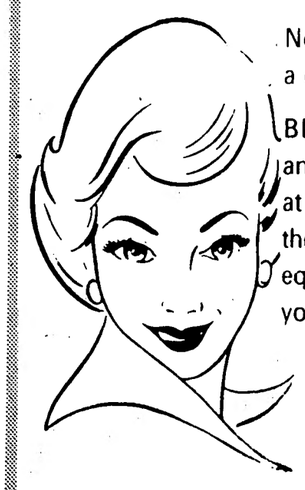

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Metro Cable TV, otherwise known as Community Antenna Television, is a means of distributing programs to the homes throughout the entire community by a cable. The same system as that of telephone and electricity distribution is applied.

Every resident subscribing to the service uses his own television receiver, but has a connection to the cable instead of using an antenna to receive the broadcast signals direct through the air.

The cables used on this system are buried underground in cooperation with Bell Telephone Company so that there are no unsightly poles or wires to mar local scenery. Neat!

Metro Cable TV, a spokesman explains, eliminates the need for any home antennas and gives perfect pictures from all available channels. Its most important feature, however, is to keep the community attractive: there is no jagged skyline of rooftop antennas which is such a common sight in many residential areas.

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The Purim Carnival Cruise departs from New York on March 1, 1967, for 37 days; its itinerary includes eight ports and six days in Haifa. The Passover Festival Cruise leaves New York on April 7, 1967, for 42 days and will visit eleven ports and spend nine days in Haifa; the Seder will be held aboard. The Rosh Hashana High Holiday Cruise departs from New York on September 11, 1967 for 43 days, will visit ten ports and be in Haifa for eight days.

For the first time, Zim Lines will sail to Constanza Roumania, spending about 40 hours in port. Shore excursions will be arranged for those wishing to visit Bucharest.

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WORLD WIZO CONFAB

Twenty-two delegates from all parts of Canada are on their way to the World Wizo Conference in Tel Aviv. Among them are Rose Dolgoff, national chairman of Hebrew University and liaison in Toronto for the Zionist Council, and Helen Smolack, Toronto regional chairman.

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The program will consist of lectures given by well known scholars; and various recreational activities.

* The weekly Talmud lectures of the Rosh Hayeshiva, Rabbi Jacob Weinberg of Ner Israel at the AGUDAT ISRAEL Synagogue, 129 McGullivray Ave., have been resumed recently. Guests are welcome. Time 8:30 p.m. Wednesday evening.

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MY FATHER'S HOUSE Chapter 3

David Ben-Gurion reminisces on his boyhood in Plonsk and his first years in Palestine in this third of a series of extracts from a Kol Yisrael interview conducted by Peter Frye and Amos Ettinger for the radio feature "Beit Avi" (my father's house).

On one occasion an arbitration case got me into very hot water. The Jews in Chones, a small town not far away, were involved in a dispute about appointing a new communal rabbi - such situations were quite frequent. There seemed to be no way of solving the disagreement, because they were scared to ask the Government to intervene, and just as scared of turning to the Workers' Committees who were already showing their hand openly. The people in Chones heard that we in Plonsk arranged our disputes peaceably and sensibly, so they sent for me and asked me to arbitrate between the factions that were backing the two candidates for the communal rabbinate.

When I got to Chones I called an enquiry, questioned both sides, and noted down their arguments. But since Chones did not come under the jurisdiction of Plonsk, but of Slavk, a bigger town, I had to take all the papers and set off for Slavk. I travelled by boat along the Visla, but just before we docked at Slavk they threatened to shoot me.

Somebody must have reported me to the authorities. At any rate, they arrested me. I sent word to Warsaw immediately and told them that things looked very bad for me. In those days they would try suspicious characters and shoot them; they threatened to shoot me.

The Poale Zion members from Warsaw sent somebody up to Slavk straightaway with 1,000 roubles, and bribed the chief gendarme. In return, he gave up the papers I had been carrying, and then I felt safer, because if the authorities had no papers as evidence, they could never charge me with being on underground business. After that my father came along to Slavk, and talked with the right people, so they let me go. That was just two weeks before I left for Palestine, and I was scared stiff they would pack me off to Siberia instead.

Actually that was the second time my father had got me out of a tight situation. The first occasion was at the beginning of 1905, about 18 months before I left for Palestine. I was in Warsaw, and I used to walk around with long hair, like the latest fashion. A policeman came up to me, took me into custody, and hauled me off to jail - all because I walked around with long hair. They kept me in jail for ten days.

I was classed as a political prisoner - a long-haired revolutionary - in Czarist Russia they used to keep the political prisoners separate from the common criminals. But one day we started a riot in jail, and they put us in together with the common criminals as a punishment. That was the first time I ever came into contact with the dregs of society.

That same year, in Warsaw, the Bund had conducted a campaign against the brothels, which were mostly owned by Jews. They used to raid them, and try to drive them out of business. That caused a lot of disturbances, and so the Police arrested Bundists and brothel-keepers alike. So when we were put with the common criminals as a punishment for the riot, I was thrown together with that type of person, for the very first time in my life. I was shaken to the core, at the language and the behaviour. I never had the slightest notion that such people ever existed. And they detested us political prisoners, because although we were Poale Zion and not Bundists, and had nothing to do with their being arrested or put out of business, to them it was all the same. They jeered at us and they cursed at us. The next day, we were back by ourselves again, however.

The thing that shook me most, was that these criminals were Jews. I had never imagined that people could even speak in such a vile, filthy, lewd way.

But I promised to tell how my father got me out of hot water. After I had been in jail a few days, my father came to Warsaw, went along to the Police chief, and sent him his visiting card. When the Police chief got my father's card, he called him in at once. "You're Victor Gryn?" he asked. "Well, I'm Victor Gryn." As luck had it, the Police chief and my father really had the same name . . . though he was a Russian. He received my father in a very friendly manner, and when my father told him they had arrested me because I had long hair, he at once ordered my release.

In our town, my father was a leading figure, and his house was used for meetings. The Poles liked him and trusted him, asked him to represent them in their business affairs, while the farmers and the landowners were friendly with him too. He was on good terms with the Russians, because he spoke Russian.

He was recognized as an active Zionist, and although he was not observant, he used to go to synagogue. He used to pray at one of the three Batei Midrash, whose congregations were more or less divided along class lines. He used to go to the Neier Beth Hamidrash, the most modern one, built by a rich, childless Jew called Yitzhak Cohen who wanted to be remembered to posterity. That was where the town intellectuals used to worship. Then there was the Hintershe Beth Hamidrash, for the lower middle class, where the families of Shlomo Lavie and Lefkovitz used to pray. After that came the Alter Beit Hamidrash, the old one, where the artisans used to go. And the Hassidim had their own Shtiebelach altogether.

RELIGIOUS AT SEVEN

I remember that when I was seven years old, I suddenly became very religious, and started observing all the mitzvot assiduously. I don't think I got the passion from my mother, although she was pious, unlike my father. It lasted about a year, and then it stopped. I think it must have ended when I read Berdichevsky and Smolenskin.

My eldest brother was religious - in fact the only one of the children who was religious. When the Mizrahi organization was founded he joined them, but he was a Socialist as well, although it was not possible to integrate the two beliefs in a place like Plonsk. When he came to Eretz Yisrael he joined the Hapoel Hamizrahi, and so he could believe in religion and Socialism side by side.

That brother was nine or ten years older than I, and the next one was seven years older. He was not such a good student. But I had far less to do with my brothers than with my friends. At first there was the "Ezra" society which kept me very busy. Zemah and I also brought out a stencilled magazine for which we wrote articles. My first article was about cultural Zionism. There was a debate at that time within the Zionist movement on whether or not to occupy oneself with culture. Herzl was against it, because the religious Jews were strongly opposed. Herzl knew nothing about Jewish culture, and the spiritual side of Zionism was strange to him. Hence his standpoint coincided with that of the religious element even though he personally was a free-thinker. For us young people, culture was a central issue.

Perhaps the strongest mental image I have of my mother, dates from after her death. I used to see her in my dreams regularly for almost two years. Night after night, almost, I would dream about her, speak to her, and ask her why she did not come back. I felt pain at the loss of my mother for many years.

I really got to know a mother's love. I remember when we used to go to the countryside together, which was not a common thing in those days. We were well off, but not rich. Apart from our two houses, we used to have a room in a village with some Jewish people where we used to stay, my mother and I. She did that specially for me, left her household, her husband, and the rest of the children. She was very attached to me. I am sure, however, that she would have done the same for any other of her children, although I knew that she treated me as somebody special, as I said.

The death of my mother was the greatest blow I suffered as a child. Today it would not have meant the same thing, but then it was a catastrophe, under which I broke down completely.

HERZL'S DEATH

Another painful event that I can recall during my younger days was the death of Herzl. As it happens, I expressed my feelings in a letter which I wrote to my friend Fuchs in America at the time. I used to be in regular correspondence with him, and then, quite by chance, a friend of mine who went to America in 1954 got all my letters from Fuchs, to bring back to show me.

The particular letter which I wrote after Herzl's death expressed the utter shock and the distress of all of us young people. It was as though the world was coming to an end, when Herzl died. Yet, somehow, a little hope still remained and we still believed that our country would be redeemed one day. My letter to Fuchs was published in Professor Chouraqui's

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Recipe of the week

HONEY CREAM APPLE PIE

1/2 cup sour cream
3/4 cup honey
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
6 large tart apples, thinly sliced
pastry for two-crust 9-inch pie

Preheat the oven to 450 deg. Combine sour cream, honey, salt and spices. Add apples and mix well. Line a nine-inch pie plate with pastry. Spoon in apple mixture, heaping it in the middle. Top with remaining pastry. Seal, decorate the edge and prick top pastry with a fork to outline serving wedges. Bake until apples are tender, 40 to 45 minutes. Yield: six to eight servings.

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Luther Adler plays the role of Tevye at O'Keefe Center, evening performances (Paul Lipson has the part at matinees), starting coming Monday, November 7th, and running for two weeks.

Not a seat left in the house for any performance.

SECOND IN REPERTORY

Henrik Ibsen's The Wild Duck, in a translation by Eva Le Gallienne, is being performed at the Royal Alexandra Theatre as the second production in the three-play program of the APA Repertory Company. It continues till Sunday matinee, November 6th.

Long recognized as an "actor's play", the comedy is noted for its abundance of rich roles. The cast includes Joseph Bird, Dan Bly, Clayton Corzatte, Gordon Gould, Jennifer Harmon, Nicholas Martin, Betty Miller, Donald Moffat, George Pentecost, James Storm, Joel Stuart, Dee Victory, Sydney Walker, Richard Woods. Scenery by James Tilton; costumes by Nancy Potts; lighting by Gilbert V. Hemsley, Jr.

UPSTAIRS THEATER'S FIRST

Upstairs Theater Foundation has begun the current season at Central Library Theater with Jean-Paul Sartre's The Flies. It is based on the story of Orestes, the son of Queen Clytemnestra and King Agamemnon who was cast away as a tiny child, after Aegistheus, his mother's lover, had killed Orestes' father and married Clytemnestra. Years later, Orestes returns and is reunited with his sister, Electra. Together they plan to murder their mother and the usurper King. Better than a modern whodunnit! Adam Ludwig directs.

Opening performance of The Flies benefited the Canadian Crest Players Theatre Foundation, the idea being that one merged theater group (Upstairs Theatre Foundation is composed of the Barn Players and the Theatre Upstairs) should help another (the merged Canadian Players and Crest Foundations).

FAMOUS CONDUCTOR WILL PERFORM

Tomorrow evening, Saturday, November 5th, 8:30 p.m. the world famous Hungarian conductor, Zoltan Rozsnyai, will direct the well known Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra at O'Keefe Center. The concert is sponsored by the Canadian Hungarian Federation which stands behind all nations, however small, for freedom and equal rights.

Dr. Rozsnyai, whose dynamic personality and great talent thrilled the world of music, made his American debut in 1956 at the invitation of Antal Dorati, then music director of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. In a review of his appearance as guest conductor of the Minneapolis Symphony, it was stated: Rozsnyai demonstrated a conducting gift of unusual vitality and finesse.

A native of Budapest, Mr. Rozsnyai is a product of the Franz Liszt Academy, where he numbered among his teachers Zoltan Kodaly, Bela Bartok and Ernst von Dohnanyi.

The evening's program includes Beethoven's Egmont Overture, Bartok's Violin Concerto, featuring Agnes Vadas, Berlioz' Rakoczi March.

Rabbi Zoltan Zagon, well known Hungarian Jewish community leader in Toronto, is instrumental in the successful efforts of the Canadian Hungarian Federation.

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Josh White Sr. performs this week at the Penny Farthing, till Sunday, November 6th. Well known for his renditions of American folk songs and original guitar playing, Josh worked his way up from his humble abode in the South to the courts of Europe. At an ambassador's party in Copenhagen, even the King of Denmark sat on the floor and joined in singing spirituals. In England, Princess Margaret asked Josh to sing, Con't Smoke in Bed.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK – Luther Adler as Tevye and Dolores Wilson as Golde, in a scene from Fiddler on the Roof, beginning at Toronto's O'Keefe Center coming Monday, November 7th, for two weeks.

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Sometimes the place of worship is referred to as the shtiebel. Members usually spend more time there than in their own homes. It's a place for worship, for arguing politics, a haven from a nagging wife, for a lonesome man without a wife.

Yankel Moishe made an announcement to his colleagues in one of these shtiebels. His son, who had a very good season, had arranged as a gift to send him on a visit to his family in the old country. Whereby his cronies took out a bottle of wine, toasted him and wished him a good journey and safe return.

After Yankel Moishe left, the members looked around. They realized how broken down and disreputable looking the shtiebel was. Paint was peeling off the walls, the whole place was a mess. So they borrowed from their children and began to work. They spruced the place up for Yankel Moishe's return. Even new, shiny cuspidors were placed in the shtiebel. At last everything was ready.

As soon as Yankel Moishe returned, he ran to the shtiebel for prayers. Services over, he settled down to give his friends regards from the old country.

He started to chew on some snuff as he talked. Then he began to clear his throat and expectorate on the floor.

Gedalia screamed, "Please, Yankel Moishe, don't spit on the floor! Don't you see the place is fixed up?" He pointed to the shiny new cuspidors. "Now, if you wanna spit, spit only in the spitoons."

Yankel Moishe grabbed his head between his two hands and bried, "Oi, gevalt! What is here now - a Reform temple?"

ALL IN PRONUNCIATION

Much to Mama's chagrin, Sadie joined the Peace Corps and went to Africa. Mail flowed regularly. A year later, Mama received a letter from Sadie announcing her marriage to a doctor and she was bringing him home.

Mama was beside herself with joy. She went to the pier to meet the ship. There was Sadie standing at the rail, waving. And next to her was a seven-foot African native. He carried a spear, wore a headdress of colored feathers and had big rings through his nose and ears.

Mama yelled up to Sadie, "I always told you to marry a 'rich' doctor, not a 'witch' doctor!"

DAFFY COMEDY – Barbara Lass and Stanislaw Mikulski as Eve and Peter in the most hilarious Polish film, Eve Wants to Sleep, now playing at Toronto's Brighton Theater. The satire, laughing boisterously at officialdom, particularly the police, is the newest eye opener exported from behind the Iron Curtain. Eve Wants to Sleep received first prize at the Spanish Film Festival in San Sebastian and another in Edinburgh.

RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS

At a meeting in Jerusalem at the office of Israel's Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir (right), prior to his return to Toronto W. Bernard Herman, Q.C. (left), received congratulations on behalf of the Greater Toronto Committee for State of Israel Bonds for the magnificent results achieved by the "Israel Prime Minister's Award Dinner" on October 19th. The sales totalled more than $1,000,000 in cash, credited to Israel's treasury. The Finance Minister requested Mr. Herman to convey the appreciation of the people of Israel to Toronto Jewry for this effort and for their understanding of urgent need for cash at this point in Israel's economic development. Mr. and Mrs. Herman transmitted the message to Max Shecter, general chairman, State of Israel Bonds of Toronto.

the lively arts

THEATRE * MUSIC * FILM

by D. Cohn

* Prof. Arthur B. Friedman of UCLA, who goes by the stage name of Arthur Bernard, has been cast as a space scientist in the Warner Bros. adventure drama, Moonshot.

* It appears that Julie Andrews was destined to play the title role in Universal's Thoroughly Modern Millie. Recently a cousin of Julie's visited the set and kept calling her, Millie, not because of the picture but because that was Julie's childhood nickname.

* Charles Chaplin, directing Marlon Brando and Sophia Loren in, A Countess From Hong Kong, says his original intent when he first came to America was to be a hog farmer. Recently he achieved his aim by adding 50 blue ribbon hogs to his wide assortment of livestock on his country estate in Switzerland.

* Tevye der Milchiger, by Sholem Aleichem, now is being filmed in Leningrad, according to an announcement by Novosti, the Soviet information agency. Films scheduled for production in the Soviet Union usually are very well advanced before any announcement is made about them. Therefore, Tevye must be still in its very early stages.

The name part will be played by a non-Jew, Yuri Tolubeev, under the direction of one of Russia's most distinguished directors, Yosif Keifits, a Jew. The script writer, Leonid Trauberg, a director, also is a Jew.

In the 1920's and 1930's, there was a flourishing Yiddish film industry in the Soviet Union, using studios in Moscow, Odessa and Minsk, and attracting such figures as Hanna Rovina, Isaac Babel, Solomon Mikhoels and Binyamin Zuskin.

Peter Sellers will be painted blue for scenes in which he depicts a matador in the bullring in, The Bobo. The "blue matador" naturally frightens the bulls into running away.

* In an interview recently, Isaac Bashevis Singer, famed Yiddish writer who has won world wide acclaim, explained why he switched from Hebrew to Yiddish writing. "I tried to write in Hebrew. But in my time Hebrew was still a dead language. When I needed modern words, I had to look up the dictionaries . . . Then I decided that Yiddish was a living language, which it really was when I was a child. Today Hebrew is very much alive, but it wasn't forty years ago."

Singer felt that, when he came to America in 1935, he came to a "cemetery". It took him about five years to come to his senses and convince himself first that Yiddish still was very much alive here; and "then it makes no difference if you write for a thousand or for ten million people. The main question is how you write and what you are writing. And after awhile I began to write again. And now I would continue to write in Yiddish even if I should be the last man who speaks this language."

About the "cemetery" bit: "The older people still spoke Yiddish. But I saw that the young generation doesn't speak it. The same people who spoke Yiddish and lived in Yiddish, they brought up their children to speak only English. So I felt that this was a language without a future, and nobody wants to write in a language which is going to die. But I have today different feelings about it. I feel that Yiddish never will die completely, just as Hebrew didn't die . . . I admit Yiddish is sick; it has many troubles. But I just don't believe that it will die . . . Nothing really dies in our history."

ALFIE – Michael Caine as Alfie," in the audience-participation film of the same name, now playing at Famous Players' Hollywood, South Cinema, in Toronto.

MASTER OF SPIRITUALS – Josh White Sr., whose haunting spirituals and superb rendition of American folk singing plus guitar accompaniment are mesmerizing the crowds at Toronto's Penny Farthing, this week.

IN FEATURED ROLE – Rita Howell, who appears in The Hollywood Blues, the Louis Negin production at Toronto's Old Angelo's.

theatre in toronto

"THE COLLECTION" "AND "THE DREAM": THEATRE OF THE ABSURD

By Barbara I. Pearl

The double bill - "The Collection" and "The American Dream" - starring Sylvia and Ben Lennick at Toronto's Hydro Theater is provocative and affords food for thought.

Certainly Harold Pinter, in, The Collection, uses the technique of a scientist: he dissects every little thought in one's mind, implants doubt and confusion and, in general, causes one to wonder where reality ends and fantasy begins.

This, for the Lennicks, is challenging. For every bit of know-how in their artistry must be employed to effect empathy, silently or otherwise. And herein they excel.

Sylvia and Ben play the role of Stella and James, the conventional, married couple who turn out to be somewhat unusual. For James confronts Stella with the fact that she has strayed with a young man, Bill (Bruce Gray), one night in a Leeds hotel. She neither denies it nor admits it.

James in his bewilderment faces the problem strangely. Certainly there is murder in his eyes when he sees Bill. But he must act civilized, spar, be a gentleman, listen for any excuse. Bill doesn't provide any satisfaction, however. He relishes substantiating what James thinks to be true.

Meanwhile it is Harry (Vernon Chapman), with whom Bill lives, who bursts the bubble. He visits Sylvia, finds out there is not one iota of truth in the story, brings back James and Harry the real version - then, when James is happy to believe there was no indiscretion between his wife and Bill, they all do a double-take. For Bill volunteers, the two may not have done anything wrong - but they did spend two hours in the lobby discussing what two strangers of opposite sex could do in a room.

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"The American Dream" is something else again.

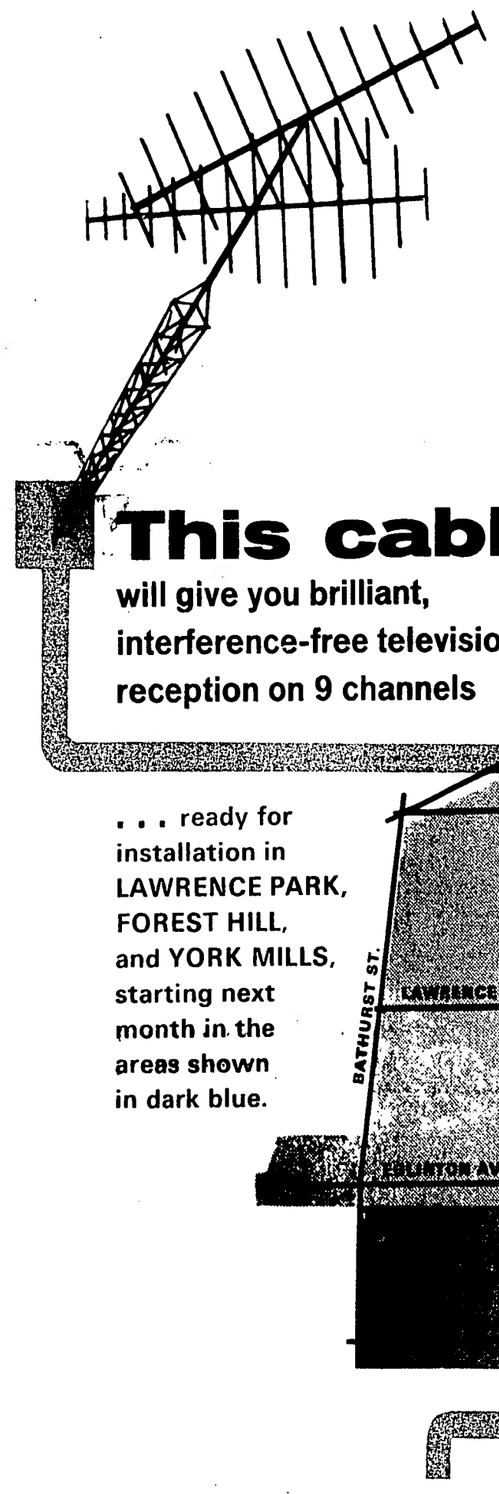
Mommy and Daddy (Sylvia and Ben) are the typical scatterbrained couple. Mommy talks nothing, Daddy listens to nothing. In the midst is Grandma who, in her elderly years, has no qualms about airing her frustrations.

Carroll Patricia Brown provides many truisms in her role of Grandma in the Albee comedy.

Mr. Barker (Nancy Kerr) depicts the giddy fly-about.

Highlight in their lives is The Young Man (Bruce Gray) a beautiful hunk of manhood who insists his innards seem to have evaporated by the death of his twin brother.

He'd make a fine adopted son, according to Mommy who is enamoured by his physique, and nothing else.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